

## NEWS.

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MR. ALBERT H. TROW has been granted the degree D.Sc. by the University of London.

PROFESSOR ERNST EBERMAYER has resigned the professorship of forestry in the University of Munich.

MR. W. L. JEPSON has been promoted from the instructorship to be associate professor of botany in the University of California.

MR. R. K. BEATTIE has been appointed instructor in botany in the Agricultural College of Washington, located at Pullman.

DR. JOHN M. COULTER will be away from his post at the University of Chicago for nine months. He is spending the winter at Washington, D. C.

MR. GRANT ALLEN, author of several popular books and papers on botanical subjects, and more lately widely known as a writer of acknowledged fiction, died October 25, in his fifty-first year.

MR. H. H. HUME, assistant in the departments of botany and horticulture in the Iowa Agricultural College, has been elected horticulturist and botanist of the Florida Agricultural College at Lake City.

THE EXTRAORDINARY delay in the publication of the October number was due to the illness of the present managing editor from October 13 to November 4, and the absence of the senior editor.

TWO SCHOLARSHIPS for garden pupils in the Missouri Botanical Garden will be awarded by the director, Dr. Wm. Trelease, before April first next. Applications must be in his hands not later than March first.

MR. A. A. HELLER, of Lancaster, Pa., will start for Porto Rico on a collecting trip about January 1. He expects to bring back a large and interesting collection of all classes of plants. The cryptogams of that island should be an especially interesting study.

PROFESSOR DR. PAUL KNUTH, whose recent return from a tour around the world, including a somewhat prolonged stay in this country, we lately chronicled, died in Kiel on October 30, at the age of forty-five. His death will be felt as a severe loss to ecology.

MR. J. W. DUVEL, of the Agricultural Experiment Station at Wooster, Ohio, has been appointed to the D. M. Ferry Botanical Fellowship in the



University of Michigan. Mr. Duvel has begun an investigation of certain factors affecting the vitality and germination of seeds.

PROFESSOR IGNATIUS URBAN announces that the second fascicle of his Porto Rico plants is now ready for distribution, the price per hundred being *M* 40. A few sets of the first fascicle may still be obtained, at *M* 30 per hundred. Professor Urban's address is Grunewald-strasse 6/7 Berlin W.

PROFESSOR JEAN BAPTISTE CARNOY, professor of botany in the Catholic University of Louvain, died on September 8, at the age of sixty-three. Professor Carnoy was the founder and editor of the elegant periodical *La Cellule*, and the author of several works and papers of high value on cytology.

THERE HAS come into the possession of the city of Philadelphia the dwelling and part of the grounds which belonged to James Logan (1674-1751), with Penn one of the founders of Pennsylvania, and a botanist of note, after whom *Logania*, the type of the Loganiaceæ, was named by Robert Brown. The property will be known as Stenton Park, the original name of the Logan estate, as there is already a Logan Square in the city. Mr. Thomas Meehan, the venerable horticulturist, has been the mover in the proceedings which have secured the preservation of the grounds of Bartram, McMahon, and Logan.

MR. J. B. ELLIS being unable to continue the issue of *Fungi Columbiani*, has requested Mr. C. L. Shear, of Takoma Park, D. C., to take charge of it. Mr. Shear has acceded to this request, and seeks the cooperation of working mycologists and collectors. Mr. Ellis will assist in the determination of material, and doubtful specimens of the various orders will be submitted to other specialists. The series of North American Fungi has been discontinued, but the present series is in great part a continuation of it. Century XV is now in course of preparation. Complete sets of the first fourteen centuries can still be supplied.

ON JANUARY 1 the Cambridge Botanical Supply Company will discontinue the publication of the card index of American Botany, and the committee appointed by Section G of the A. A. A. S. is seeking to continue it under other arrangements. The present subscription price of \$5 per year was made when only about 500 cards were issued and is inadequate to support the enterprise with the increased number of titles. It has, therefore, been decided to make the rate one cent per card. The number of subscribers will govern the number of sets printed and the matter will not be electrotyped. Intending subscribers should at once notify Professor L. M. Underwood, Columbia University, New York city.

MR. MATURIN L. DELAFIELD, JR., 56 Liberty street, New York city, having fulfilled the requirement of the constitution of the Botanical Society



of America, becomes a patron of that organization. At the Columbus (O.) meeting last August, among other amendments to the constitution of the society, one was adopted admitting patrons. The clause relating to patrons reads as follows:

The payment to the treasurer of the sum not less than \$250 at any one time, or a bequest of such sum, shall constitute the donor a patron of the society. The names of patrons shall be published with the annual lists of officers and members, and the patrons shall be entitled to receive copies of all the publications of the society. Patrons' fees shall be added to the permanent fund of the society.

Mr. Delafield, therefore, becomes the first patron of the Botanical Society of America.—GEORGE F. ATKINSON, *Secretary*.

THE MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN has this summer received a decision from the Supreme Court of Missouri which empowers the trustees of the garden at their discretion to sell unproductive endowment real estate, which was made inalienable by the will of Henry Shaw, the founder of the garden. While it is not probable that sales will be made rapidly, the purpose being to effect them at full market value, the power to dispose of this property promises to add many thousand dollars to the annual revenue of the establishment within a few years, and it makes available for immediate use each year some ten or fifteen thousand dollars which business wisdom has compelled the trustees to hold out of the current income thus far, as an emergency fund for the protection of the property when street improvements and other special expenses should be forced upon it.

Immediate use is to be made of some of the money thus liberated, by the addition to the garden of about twenty acres of ground, to be graded and planted in accordance with plans made by the landscape architects, F. L. and J. C. Olmsted, and to represent in synopsis the principal features of the North American flora.